



July 15, 2004

Ms. Jan Palumbo, RCRA Project Manager
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Subject: **July 15, 2004, Progress Report**
J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY
Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086

Dear Ms. Palumbo:

This letter provides the July 15, 2004, progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from June 15, 2004, to July 15, 2004.

Significant Developments This Period

This section discusses significant developments for the referenced reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- During the weeks of June 5 and 12, 2004, Baxter conducted groundwater sampling in accordance with the Site Investigation (SI), State Waste Discharge Permit (SWDP), and closed woodwaste landfill requirements.

Anticipated Developments Next Period

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:

- Baxter will continue to implement elements of the SI Work Plan, including database compilation and data evaluation.



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Anticipated Problems and Problem Resolution

This section discusses anticipated problems, and planned resolution of past or anticipated problems.

No new problems or issues have been identified at the facility, other than those mentioned in previous progress reports.


Other Information

Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

- On June 11, 2004, Baxter sent a letter to WA State Department of Ecology (Ecology) indicating that Baxter had identified certain errors and issues regarding the draft SWDP that was sent to Baxter for review, and that a complete review of the document would require an extension of time to complete.
- On June 16, 2004, Ecology responded to Baxter's letter and indicated that an extension had been granted for the submission of Baxter's comments on the draft SWDP. Additionally, on June 18, 2004, Ecology sent Baxter a letter indicating that Ecology had issued a Temporary Permit, effective March 1, 2004, for the facility. This Temporary Permit will remain in effect until the SWDP is issued or for up to five years, whichever occurs first.
- On June 29, 2004, Baxter met with Ecology regarding Baxter's comments, dated June 23, 2004, on the draft SWDP and Fact Sheet.
- Construction of the Stormwater Treatment System continued during the reporting period, including completion of the concrete building slab and infiltration gallery.

Certification

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature: 
Name: RueAnn Thomas
Title: Environmental Programs Director
Date: July 15, 2004

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (541) 689-3801.

Sincerely,



RueAnn Thomas
Environmental Programs Director

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